

IRAQI ELECTIONS

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May 31, 2004	Coalition Provision Authority (CPA) Order number 92 establishes the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) as the exclusive electoral authority in Iraq.
June 28, 2004	Sovereignty is transferred from the US-led coalition to the Interim Iraqi Government.
August 18, 2004	Iraqi National Conference selects a national assembly to act as a parliament until elections are held.
October 12, 2004	Elections regulations published by IECI.
October 21, 2004	Voter registration materials distributed.
November 1, 2004	Voter and candidate registration begins for the election of a transition government.
November 4, 2004	Determination is made to allow Iraqis abroad to vote in the elections.
November 21, 2004	Election date is set for January 30, 2005.
December 1, 2004	Recruitment of polling station staff begins.
December 15, 2004	Deadline for registering parties and individuals for the coming election. Validation of voter registration list. Election campaign starts.
January 1, 2005	Process of distributing ballots begins.
January 23, 2005	Last day for expatriates to register to vote.
January 28, 2005	Official campaign period ends.
January 30, 2005	Election Day. Last day for expatriates to vote.
August 15, 2005	Date by which a constitution is to be drafted by the transition government.
October 15, 2005	Date by which a national vote is to be held regarding the ratification of the proposed constitution.
December 15, 2005	Date that elections for a permanent government take place if the constitution is ratified. If the constitution is not ratified, this is the date by which elections for a new national assembly are to be held.